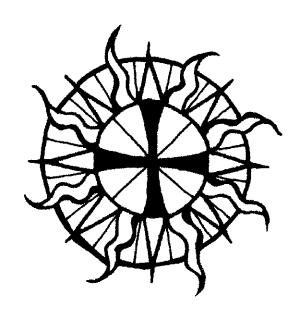
CHURCH OF THE TRINITY Coatesville in the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania

Church of the Trinity is a congregation rooted in the faith and love of Christ, unified in diversity, seeking to grow and nourish the Trinity family and our Coatesville community.



"For my eyes have seen your salvation..."

February 2, 2025

9:30 AM

The Presentation of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple
The Rites of Christian Initiation with
The Rt. Rev. Daniel G. P. Gutiérrez, XVI Bishop of Pennsylvania, Celebrant

Entrance Rite



OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Bishop says

Bishop Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Bishop There is one Body and one Spirit;

People There is one hope in God's call to us;

Bishop One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People One God and Father of all.

SONG OF PRAISE Santo, santo, santo [Holy, holy, holy] (WLP 785)



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Malachi 3:1-4

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Malachi.

¹See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

PSALM: Psalm 84

Remain seated.

'How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

²The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young, * by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

³Happy are they who dwell in your house! * They will always be praising you.

⁴Happy are the people whose strength is in you! * whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, * for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

⁶They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

⁷LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; * hearken, O God of Jacob.

*Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your Anointed.

⁹For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, * and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

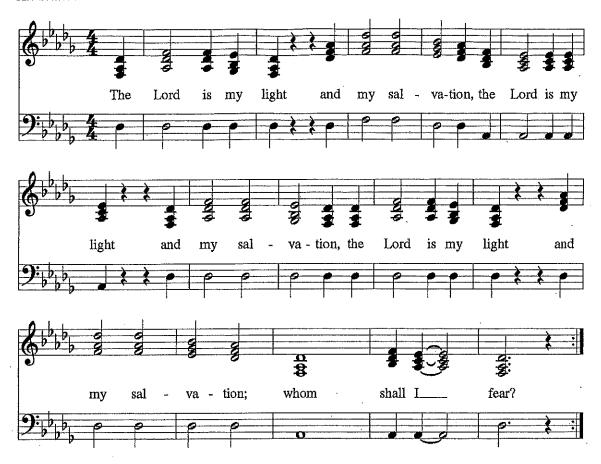
10For the LORD God is both sun and shield; * he will give grace and glory; ¹¹No good thing will the LORD withhold * from those who walk with integrity.

12O LORD of hosts, *

happy are they who put their trust in you!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION The Lord Is My Light

All stand.



GOSPEL: Luke 2:22-40

All stand.

Deacon

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

²²When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), ²⁴and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

²⁵Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, ²⁸Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

²⁹ Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,

according to your word;

³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation,

³¹which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles

and for glory to your people Israel."

³³And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

³⁶There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

Deacon

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON BY THE RT. REV. DANIEL G. P. GUTIÉRREZ

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

The Candidates and Presenters gather before the Bishop. Please rise.

Bishop

The Candidate(s) will now be presented.

Presenters

I present _____ for Confirmation.

The Bishop then asks the Candidates

Bishop

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidate

I do.

Bishop

Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidate

I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

After all have been presented, the Bishop addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People We will.

The Bishop then says these or similar words

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Bishop Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Bishop Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit

and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Bishop Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting.

Bishop Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the

prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People I will, with God's help.

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

The Bishop then says to the congregation

Let us now pr	ray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.
Leader People	Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death. Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader People	Open their hearts to your grace and truth. Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader People	Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit. Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader People	Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church. Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader People	Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit. Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader People	Send them into the world in witness to your love. Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader People	Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory. Lord, hear our prayer.
A period of s	ilence follows.
Then the Bis.	
Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in <i>these</i> your <i>servants</i> the covenant you have made with <i>them</i> at <i>their</i> Baptism. Send <i>them</i> forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before <i>them</i> ; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. <i>Amen</i> .	
	N OF HANDS ays hands upon each one and says
For Confirm	
Strengthen, sustain <i>him/l</i>	O Lord, your servant with your Holy Spirit; empower him/her/them for your service; and her/them all the days of his/her life. Amen.
For Recept	
into the fello	we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you owship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you.
•	concludes with this prayer
Almighty and everlasting God, let your fatherly hand ever be over <i>these</i> your <i>servants</i> ; let your Holy Spirit ever be with <i>them</i> ; and so lead <i>them</i> in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that <i>they</i> may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. <i>Amen</i> .	

THE PEACE

All stand.

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

All remain standing.

Most Holy God, cast away the shadows in our lives that we might know the glory of your presence and hear and respond to our prayers that we might more fully live into your dreams for us as we say, Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Guide your whole church into the light of your revelation and grant us the will and commitment to continue the mission of Jesus in our own lives. Lord in your mercy, *hear our prayer*.

Grant the people of this nation the will and commitment to live in peace and to work in unity for the benefit of all people. Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer*.

Show us, gathered here today, the glory of your Son and help us discern more clearly your call on our lives that we might work in concert to work towards furthering the reign of Christ. Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer*.

Kindle in our hearts a sense of urgency and a firm commitment to be better stewards of your creation, that all future generations may know the abundance we have taken for granted. Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer*.

Be with all who suffer, relieve their distress, and bring healing to whatever needs mending in their bodies, souls, and mind. Especially we pray for those listed who are near to our hearts, and those we now name silently or out loud (a period of silence):

Zella Anderson, Violet Armstead, Angie Ashe, Bob Austin, Molly Baldwin, Marsha Barley, Bob Beckershoff, Bill Besecker, Marie Hyacinthe Bribal, Anthony Brogan, Walter Bryant, Carol, Carolyn, Lola Clarke, Julius Coker, Betsy Comstock, Millie Connor, John Coveleski, Didi, Dorothy, Andrea Dudley, Ellie, Charles Emmett, Morris Ferguson, Karen Fisher, Cassie Foreman, Kyla Foreman, Jacob Furlong, Bianca Giannotti, Linda Graber, Samantha Griggs, Susan Hanft, Scott Hansberry, Esther Harvey, Pat Hendricks, Matt Hess, Janice, Danyell Jackson, Jay, Jennifer Jenkins, Diane Kitson, Nina Larkin, John and Lindsay, Lisa, David Kirkner, Lisa Kivett, Sye Lamar, Melanie Lifer, Olivia Lyons, Joseph Manni, Paige McClean, Kevin McGloon, Mercedes, Mia, Mickey, Brian Miller, Tracy Mulligan, Bruce Murray, Adam Nolt, Jessica Nupponen, Terry Oxenreider, Stan Pernsley, April Phillips, Ben Phillips, Lynn Pullman, Arlene Purnsley, Michael Rayner, Jacob Rockoff, Cathy Shaffer, Shane, Thomas Shanley, Erma Sinsabaugh, Barb Smelter, John Smelter, Stephen Smelter, Colby Stackhouse, Debra Stackwicz, Stephanie, Sue, Becky Swaggart, Dihona Talton and children, Catherine Thompson, Tom, Vicki Romberger, Norman Walters, Cyndi Walters, Isaac Warnick, Sally Warren, Paul Wayne, Mary Nell Weiss, Chanel Wiest, Brendan Willauer, Ruby Williams

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for all who protect and serve, as well as their families: the police, the firefighters, emergency medical personnel and those serving in the military, especially those listed who are near to our hearts and those we name silently or out loud (*a period of silence*):

Police: Lt Lori and Jeff Kistle, Marquis Costello

Military: PO1 Andrew Combs, MAJ Corey Combs, Skylar Dantzler, MAJ Alex Deets, PO William Dowling, 1st LT Frank Furman, Jr., J. Andrew Hinkle, PFC Shane McWilliams, MGSgt Troy Meacham,

Sgt Kaleel Pernsley, Specialist Jason Sage, CPT Jeremy Smith, LCMDR Michael Sracic MC, and MSgt Rewa Price

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for those in our parish family celebrating birthdays this week - Aaron Bruce. Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer*.

For the saints who have gone before us in the faith and are now at rest, especially for Ken Bush, Peter Bush and Sandra Hill, for whom the altar flowers are given, and for all the saints on earth who surround us in a great fellowship of love. Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer*.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

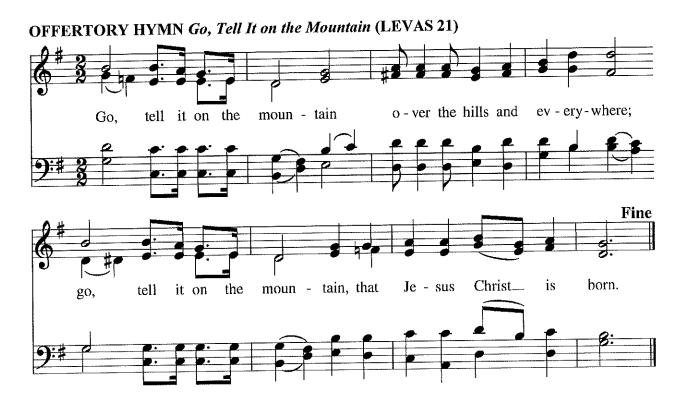
In Christ we have seen your desire for our lives. Guide our feet and our hearts to truly live into His example that your hopes for humanity might be fulfilled. All these we ask through our Lord and intercessor, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and always. **Amen.**

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

The Celebrant says

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. Psalm 50:14





The Great Thanksgiving

The People remain standing.

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

THE HYMNAL 1982 SERVICE MUSIC #S125

Presider and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

The Presider continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said,

"Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said,

"Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Presider and People

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Presider continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Cyril our Patron Saint, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN*.

THE LORD'S PRAYER LEVAS #264

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now sing.

People and Celebrant

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM

Alleluia! Be known to us Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the Bread.

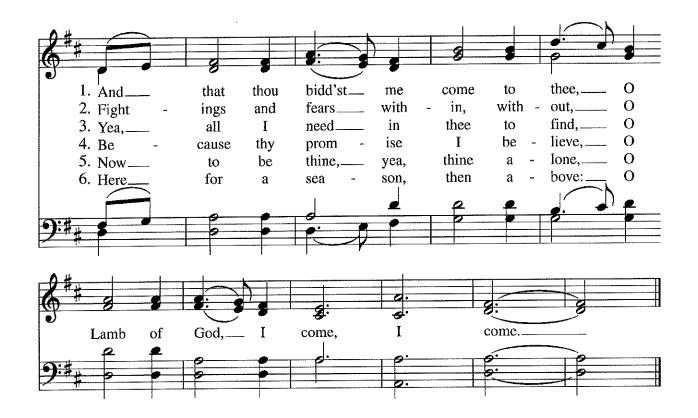
Be known to us Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the Bread. Alleluia!

INVITATION

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.





ANTHEM BY CHOIR

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN Love divine, all loves excelling (Hyfrydol) (H 657)



DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

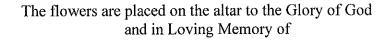
People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

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TODAY Coffee Hour with Bishop Gutiérrez





Ken Bush Peter Bush Sandra Hill

by Nora Bush

Announcements:

Brown Bag Bible Study on Monday, February 3rd - We meet in the parish hall from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm. You may bring a bag lunch and beverage.

Healing Service on Thursday, February 6th at Noon via Zoom. Commemorating The Martyrs of Japan, 1597.

Sunday, February 9 - Coffee Hour Forum: I Can, You Can, Narcan beginning at 10:15 a.m. with Kathy Collier, Prevention Program Manager, Chester County Department of Drug and Alcohol Services

Community education event to reduce the incidence of accidental drug overdoses. Chester County Department of Drug and Alcohol will provide information on how to recognize and respond to an opioid overdose and how to access treatment in Chester County. All attendees will receive training on how to use lifesaving Narcan® (naloxone) nasal spray, and free naloxone will be given to participants.

Vestry Meeting, Sunday February 17th at 11 a.m. (after coffee hour)

Sunday, February 23rd at 11 a.m. (after coffee hour) Gospels Series continues with the Gospel of Matthew.

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